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TO: JCS
INFO: CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY, JACE AJCC FT RITCHIE MD
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1. (C) It is assumed the political situation will require continued augmentation Berlin Command by one reinforced Battle Group for indefinite period time.

2. (S) Therefore, recommend rotation Seventh Army reinforced Battle Groups into and out Berlin at approximate two or three months intervals. Rotation will: (1) Permit maintenance general tactical training augmentation troops without having send elements out of Berlin for training from time to time, (2) Forestall morale problems which may arise due to present unpredictable duration of separation from families.

3. (C) Rotation plan has been prepared which envisions movement reinforced Battle Groups into and out of Berlin by administrative motor convoy along Helmstedt-Berlin Autobahn, with all equipment except tracked vehicles troops to be in combat uniform. Normally, relief will be effected Braunschweig-Helmstedt area with relieved Battle Group leaving Berlin one day and relieving Battle Group moving into Berlin next day. Should circumstances so dictate, relieving force will be moved in first. Plan also makes adequate provision for communication and control of units traversing Helmstedt-Berlin Autobahn.

4. (C) Request approval of proposed rotation.

5. (C) Recommend that proposed plan for rotation Battle Groups, if approved, be announced publicly. Public announcement would have following advantages: (A) Preclude rumors in Germany which could affect USAREUR Mission; (B) Reaffirm determination maintain augmentation as long as required; (C) Capitalize on morale benefits of plan.

6. (U) SCP 4.

ACTION: JCS
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